

St. Edith Worship Commission  
Meeting Minutes October 9, 2024

Fr. Jim opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03 pm.

**In Attendance:** Fr. Jim McNulty, Mike Magoulick, Gary Kudron, Linda Bodnar, Donna DelFavero, Al Rivard, Heather Shina by phone, Joe Rashid.

**Not Present:** Laurie Rizzolo, Jane DeRoo, Zelma Isele, Cindy Coleman, Cheryl Burford.

The next Worship Commission Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 12, 2024, at 7:00 pm, in the Parish Library. Please note that the Worship Commission Meetings are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month, September through May.

**Parish Council:** Donna DelFavero reported that Oct 19/20 council members will introduce themselves at masses. Heather has done a wonderful job with the promotion to welcome new musicians to the ministry. After using the AV room, it needs to be put back as it was found. Leave the chairs at the tables and do not stack them against the wall. In Nov the education commission will do a promotion to welcome new volunteers. A new LED light was installed near the chapel and there was discussion about doing LED lights in the dark areas of the parking lot. Finance commission will look into the cost of automatic doors for the bathrooms near the hall. Discussion was had about cleaning the pew seats. Fr. Jim stated that due to the age of the material they can't be cleaned, new pews are needed but the cost is around \$250,000. Deacon Don finished his training for the Stephen Ministry and will look to train volunteers and begin the ministry in 2025. A new women's prayer group will begin soon. The council brainstormed on how to get the parish involved with fund raisers for the school not just the parents. There is a request to prepare a summary of Worship Commission Activity.

**Lectors:** Linda Bodnar reported that the new 2025 workbooks will be available for pickup at the end of the month with a sign-out sheet.

**Altar Servers:** Zelma Isele submitted the following report via e-mail. "The next training will be Nov 2 and 3 after all masses. I can train some in the hall until church is available after adoration and anointing of the sick. Still trying to get measurements for the petite girls that want to altar serve."

**Ushers:** Mike Magoulick reported that the pancake breakfast was this weekend, Oct 13. We would like to have six teams of ushers; we currently have five.

**Sacristans:** Joe Rashid reported nothing new with the sacristans. There was discussion about getting more people to participate in various activities. Fr. Jim indicated we need to ask individuals rather than just making general announcements. There was discussion about having back-up sacristans for the masses. Joe Rashid will prepare a note for the sign-up sheet on the need to use a pyx when taking the Eucharist to the homebound.

**EME'S:** Al Rivard reported that three people asked about taking a host home and it was explained that you need to have a pyx. Fr. Jim asked that Sacristans remind the EME's that pyx must be used, that you cannot use a napkin or an envelope. If a person in line for communion does not have a pyx, the minister should advise them to see the sacristan after mass and they will get them a pyx with the Eucharist in it. There is no need for a person to take a host back to someone sitting in a pew. We have ministers that go around the church if a person cannot come forward.

**Bereavement:** Gary Kudron reported that everybody gets their turn at the funeral home vigils. In Grief Share there are 22 participants. There will be a "Surviving the Holidays" program on Sat, Nov 9, 2024, 2:00 to 4:00 pm, and will be publicized in the Family of Parishes Bulletins. Donna DeFavero added that a Saturday group will be starting in a winter session as some participants could not come on Tuesday. Gary Kudron sent the following e-mail to Deacon Bob Calleja: "I just wanted to give you a big Thank You. The front of the church after the power-washing looks brand new. The newly painted cross is now a beautiful focal point of the church. And my favorite, Thanks for giving the ok for the removal of the tree by the shrine area. The statue can now be easily seen and appreciated by the parishioners. You Do Good Work. Have a Great Day." The Worship Commission members agreed and thought it should be included in our Minutes.

**Music Ministry:** Heather Shina reported that she has been making announcements for recruiting members for the various choirs and she is getting some responses. Still looking for a guitar player For God's Glory. Our Lady of Victory hosted a Praise and Worship night Sep 25, 2024, at 6:30pm featuring Francesca LaRosa which was attended with choir members. Nov 17, 2024, at 3pm we will be hosting The St. Cecilia Sing Festival, ten different choirs come together and perform. Oct 13, 2024, Duet Concert at St. Edith, 3pm, Fr. Jim and Heather. On Oct 23, 2024, at 7pm, St. Edith will have the Mass of Remembrance, Infant Loss/Infertility. Nov 1, 2024, Feast of All Saints, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 am & 7:00 pm. School Children will attend the 9:00 am Mass. Nov 4, 2024, Monday, the All Souls Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 pm.

**Fr. Jim:** The theme for Advent is "Make Personal Connections". We need to rekindle relationships. Discussion was had about Bambinelli Sunday. We will not celebrate it this year. Wheelchairs are in the electric utility room. Discussion was had about weekend maintenance. The people are paid to be available when needed. If you can't find them, let me know.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm with the Hail Mary lead by Mike Magoulick.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Rashid